

**ROTARY CUTTER BED HARVESTER WITH  
NON-AUGER CONVEYING MEANS FOR OUTBOARD CUTTERS**

**Abstract**

5           A crop harvester of the rotary cutter bed type has a  
series of rotary cutters extending across the path of  
travel of the machine and rotatable about individual  
upright axes. The cutter bed extends in opposite direc-  
10           tions beyond the ends of a central discharge opening to the  
conditioner rolls. Cutters located outboard of the opening  
direct cut crop materials along the front of the cutter bed  
until the opposite extremities of the discharge openings  
are reached, whereupon pairs of cooperating, oppositely  
15           rotating cutters in front of the opening function to propel  
the crop material rearwardly with the main flow of cut  
materials. Alternative forms of conveying means are  
provided in association with the outboard cutters for  
moving the cut crop centrally without the use of augers or  
20           other additional gathering mechanism behind the row of  
cutters.